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SOURCE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS TOLD US THAT MINISTER
OF STATE ROWLANDS AND DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY DUFF OLAN
TO DISCUSS ANGOLA WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT DURING
THEIR VISIT TO LAGOS THIS WEEK. APART FROM THE ISSUE OF
GENERAL GOWON, ANGOLA WILL BE THE MISSION'S HIGHEST
PRIORITY WITH AN AIM OF REVIVING THE LONDON-LAGOS-
LUANDA CHANNEL THAT COLLAPSED FOLLOWING THE ATTEMPTED
COUP IN FEBRUARY. IF THE NIGERIANS ARE WILLING TO ACT
AS AN INTERMEDIARY, DUFF IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE ON
FROM LAGOS TO LUANDA. DUFF'S IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES WOULD
BE TO EXPEDITE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANGLO-ANGOLAN DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS AND TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF CONSULAR
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PROTECTION FOR THE UK MERCENARIES SLATED FOR TRIAL IN
LUANDA IN JUNE. DUFF'S BROADER PURPOSE IS TO OPEN
ANGOLA TO EXPANDED WESTERN INFLUENCE, AND TO THIS END HE
WILL TAKE WITH HIM AN AID OFFER OF APPROXIMATELY ONE
MILLION POUNDS.

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